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SUBJECT: ITU CONFERENCE: BERLIN ASPECTS -- CONTINGENCY
PLAN AND NEGOTIATING BRIEF

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(D) BONN 15897

SUMMARY. LONDON AND PARIS HAVE AGREED TO CONTINGENCY
PLAN AND NEGOTIATING BRIEF, BOTH WITH SLIGHT, NON-
SUBSTANTIVE CHANGES. BONN ALSO AGREES TO BOTH, EXCEPT
FOR QUESTION OF PRIORITY LISTING OF THE FOUR
FREQUENCIES NOT IN "NON-NEGOTIABLE" CATEGORY. END
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1. THE FRENCH AND BRITISH HAVE REPORTED IN THE BONN

GROUP THAT THEIR RESPECTIVE AUTHORITIES AGREE TO THE TWO BONN GROUP PAPERS PREPARED WITH RESPECT TO BERLIN ISSUES FOR THE ITU CONFERENCE. BOTH CAPITALS HAVE, HOWEVER, REQUESTED MINOR, NON-SUBSTANTIVE ALTERATIONS (SEE PARAGRAPH 3 BELOW).

2. THE FRG HAS ALSO AGREED TO THE TWO PAPERS (INCLUDING THE FRENCH AND BRITISH CHANGES) EXCEPT FOR THE PRIORITY LISTINGS (PARA II.D.3 OF REF B) FOR THE FOUR FREQUENCIES (AFN 936, RIAS 684, SFB 1449, AND RIAS 855) NOT IN THE "NON-NEGOTIABLE" CATEGORY. US REP, IN BILATERAL DISCUSSION WITH FRG REP AND IN BONN GROUP MEETING (BOTH ON OCTOBER 6), FORMALLY PUT FORTH US POSITION OF LISTING THE FOUR FREQUENCIES IN ORDER GIVEN ABOVE (THIS IS RECOMMENDATION A, PARA 9 REF D, APPROVED REF A). FRG REP SAID QUESTION A VERY DIFFICULT ONE FOR BONN, REQUIRING VERY HIGH LEVEL CONSIDERATION. FRG REP TOLD US IN BILATERAL DISCUSSION HE DOUBTED IF FRG COULD AGREE TO THIS LISTING, INDICATING IT WAS A LOADED DOMESTIC POLITICAL ISSUE (READ ARD, SEE PARA 4 REF D). IN BONN GROUP MEETING, FRENCH AND BRITISH SAID THEY WOULD ACCEPT WHATEVER SOLUTION TO THIS PROBLEM AGREEABLE TO US AND FRG.

3. CHANGES PROPOSED BY LONDON AND PARIS.

A. IN CONTINGENCY PLAN

(1) PART II 3.A. CHANGE PERIOD TO SEMICOLON AND ADD "OR, AS A MODIFICATION, IT MAY NOT REPRESENT THE INTERESTS SPECIFICALLY OF THE ALLIED BROADCASTING STATIONS." (UK PROPOSAL.)

(2) PART II 3.B. OMIT "TO MEET THEIR RESPONSIBILITY" IN (3). (FRENCH PROPOSAL.)

(3) PART II 4.B. CHANGE PENULTIMATE SENTENCE TO READ "...OVER THE WSB CONTINUE TO ENSURE THAT MATTERS

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OF SECURITY AND STATUS ARE NOT THEREBY AFFECTED."
(FRENCH PROPOSAL.)

B. CHANGE IN NEGOTIATING BRIEF.

PART IV.B. CHANGE FIRST SENTENCE TO READ: "IF RIAS
990, BBC 810 AND SFB 567 ARE NOT INCLUDED IN THE PLAN
PRODUCED BY THE CONFERENCE FOR CONTINUED USE...."
(UK PROPOSAL.)

4. SINCE FRENCH AND BRITISH CHANGES GIVEN ABOVE IN
PARA 3 ARE NON-SUBSTANTIVE AND NON-CONTROVERSIAL, WE
HAVE GIVEN FINAL US AGREEMENT. THUS,
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CONTINGENCY PLAN IS FULLY AGREED, AND NEGOTIATING
BRIEF IS AGREED EXCEPT FOR PART II.D AND E (RELATIVE

LISTINGS OF THE FOUR FREQUENCIES).

5. COMMENT: WHILE FRG REP SAID IN BONN GROUP MEETING HE WOULD INITIATE THE REQUIRED FRG INTERNAL CONSULTATIONS, HE EMPHASIZED THE DIFFICULTY OF THE MATTER AND INDICATED THEY WOULD TAKE TIME. WE WILL, OF COURSE, CONTINUE TO PRESS HERE FOR FAVORABLE RESOLUTION. IN THE MEANTIME, WE SUGGEST THAT OUR TEAM IN GENEVA LET THE FRG ITU DELEGATION KNOW THAT AFN 936, RIAS 684 AND RIAS 855 ARE NOT TO BE BARGAINED AWAY WITHOUT APPROPRIATE PRIOR CONSULTATION IN GENEVA.
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